- Creating a positive investment climate.
- Capacity building.
- Providing world-class infrastructure.
- Augmenting resource base, and
- Enhancing efficiency.

(c) The Ninth Five Year Plan strategy was to ensure adequate availability and requisite quality of infrastructure, creating conditions conducive for unhindered growth of such industries which can produce products at internationally competitive prices and initiation of special measures to promote development of industries in backward areas.

Export potential of marine products from Orissa

*170. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the vast marine product export potential from Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken for exploitation of the same during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the export of marine products in the coming years; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposal mooted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes Sir.

The marine fish landings in Orissa in the last three years are as follows:

Year	Fish landings (MT)
1998	1,34,385
1999	1,25,767
2000	1,08,754

It can be seen that it will be difficult to increase the marine landings substantially in the future.

The estimated brackish water area suitable for shrimp culture is 31,600 ha. Against this, the area under shrimp culture is estimated to be 8000 ha in 1998-99, 9000 ha in 1999-2000, 10,523 ha in 2000-2001 and 11,220 ha in 2001-2002. The estimated production was 6000 MT in 1998-99, 3400 MT in 1999-2000, 7660 MT in 2000-2001 and 9360 MT in 2001-2002. The estimated potential of fresh water area suitable for farming of scampi (fresh water shrimp), which is also an important exportable species is 1,14,800 ha. Against this, the actual area under culture is estimated to be 1000 ha in 1999-2000, 3100 ha in 2000-2001 and 3100 ha in 2001-2002. The estimated production of scampi from Orissa is 231 MT in 1999-2000, 300 MT in 2000-2001 and 400 MT in 2001-2002.

While the potential for increasing the marine production is not very substantial, there is substantial potential for increasing shrimp production from aquaculture.

(b) For increasing the marine landings, the Ministry of Agriculture and the State Government have a number of schemes. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Deptt. of Commerce is supplementing these efforts through a few schemes intended at improving the efficiency of fishing as well as the quality of the product. Specifically, the following are the schemes implemented by MPEDA in this regard:

(i) Subsidy for installation of fish finders, GPS., fish hold etc. in mechanised fishing vessels.

(ii) Training of fishermen on the use of fish finders, GPS, etc.

(iii) Installation of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) on board fishing vessels.

(iv) Supply of insulated fish boxes to fishermen etc.

For increasing brackish water and fresh water shrimp production, MPEDA is implementing a few schemes as follows:

(i) Subsidy for new farm development

(ii) Subsidy for setting up of new shrimp and scampi hatcheries

(iii) Subsidy for setting up of effluent treatment system in farms.

(iv) Subsidy for setting up PCR labs (for early detection of viral diseases) in hatcheries.

(v) Subsidy for procurement of water testing kits for shrimp farms.

(vi) Subsidy for setting up chilled room near farm areas.

(vii) Training and inter-state study tour of farmers.

MPEDA has two field offices at Bhubaneswar in Orissa to provide technical and other assistance to farmers, hatchery owners, etc. for setting up shrimp farms and promote exports.

(c) and (d) For promotion of aquaculture, the following thrust areas have been identified:-

(I) Bringing additional area under culture;

(II) Diversification to new species; and

(III) Making aquaculture sustainable through

(i) Disease prevention and control through good farm and health management.

(ii) Environmental management and eco-friendly farming practices.

In order to increase the export of marine products, Government have been taking several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood proceesing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; marketing support, etc.

Cancer patients in the country

*171. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons affected by Cancer in the country during the last three years;